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Capt. W. Pratt  
Carlisle, Pa.  
July 4/89

Asks Auth to send supplies  
to Resdnd - Pine Ridge  
Fort Bentons & Crow Agency for  
Pupils -

I want this  
paper after Mr  
Gorman has read  
it -

W Pratt  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 89  
Trans to S. July 9<sup>th</sup> 89

To Secretary July 13/89  
To Supt Pratt July 19/89  
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for the time necessary to do their work properly. These  
expenses of their being and coming and their stay at the  
Agency in November. The I may cover the necessary and in-  
further to Fort Snelling, Dakota, and the same are forward to  
said Agency, Dakota, and another to Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota  
I now request your authority to send an employe of the school  
to each of the Agencies mentioned for  
Your obedient servant,  
John G. Smith

the use to come from the temples in Nebraska, I will arrange that  
I can also that the authority will cover the necessary and  
Incidental expenses outside of railroad tickets consequent upon our  
bringing to this school 150 from these several Agencies. I would  
like if I could have this authority at once, in order that I may  
use vacation time for the work of visiting in students, and paying  
the school year, 1st of September, with our other work of the  
Your respectful servant,  
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*Indian Industrial School,*

*Carlisle, Pa., July 4th, 1887.*

Hon. J. D. C. Atkins,

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I find that we can handle from 650 to 675 students this fiscal year on the appropriation allowed by Congress. Our present number is 531. This necessitates our bringing in from 125 to 150. Quite a party of those who recently went home to Rosebud and Pine Ridge Agencies in Dakota, and to the Omaha Agency in Nebraska arranged before they left to return to Carlisle for another period. I think they should return. It is fairly demonstrated that the practice of sending back to Agencies after three or five years training, youth who are still only youth, is a bad one and that we should adopt the same methods we do with our own children, and continue their education and training to manhood and womanhood, so that they may not only have the added ability but the maturity of years as well in their favor when they begin to fight with the degradation and ignorance and almost total absence of everything that helps. A few students are offered by the Agent at Fort Berthold,

2 Hon. J. D. C. Atkins.

and I think it would be well for us to bring some from the Crows. Those who came to us healthy from that tribe have done well.

I wish to send out my own agents who will more directly look out for our school interests in the selection of healthy and proper characters. It will not be practicable for us to fix the number from each Agency at once, but that can be done later on, and the necessary transportation arranged for.

I now request your authority to send an employe of the school to Rosebud Agency, Dakota, and another to Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota, and another to Fort Berthold, Dakota, and the same one forward to the Crow Agency in Montana, that I may cover the necessary and incidental expenses of their going and coming and their stay at the Agencies for the time necessary to do their work properly. Those who are to come from the Omahas in Nebraska, I will arrange that the two Agents going to Rosebud and Pine Ridge will attend to.

I ask also that the authority will cover the necessary and incidental expenses outside of railroad tickets consequent upon our bringing to this school 150 from these several Agencies. I would like if I could have this authority at once, in order that I may use vacation time for the work of getting in students, and begin the school year, 1st of September, with our quota made up.

Very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,



Capt. & Supt.

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